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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MAL CAMPBELL, ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT TO SENATOR RIBICOFF FROM FRED ASSELIN AND PHIL MANUEL:

2. QUOTE. THE SENATOR ASKED FOR OUR IDEAS FOR A DRAFT OPENING
STATEMENT. WE HAVE RESPONDED IN THE FOLLOWING DRAFT STATEMENT
WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT PRESS RELEASE. REMEMBER THAT TO
MAKE MONDAY AM CYCLE, RELEASE MUST BE IN REPORTERS' HANDS NO
LATER THAN FRIDAY NOON. WE WILL CALL OFFICE APPROXIMATELY NOON
MONDAY, 16 JANUARY.

3. PLEASE NOTE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN PRESS RELEASE REFERENCE
COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY THREAT ANALYSIS OF TERRORIST EVALUATION IN EACH
OF THE COUNTRIES WE HAVE VISITED -- NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, WEST
GERMANY, SPAIN, ITALY, GREECE.

4. OUR PLANS CALL FOR ARRIVAL DULLES AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY,
19 JANUARY.

5. DRAFT RELEASE IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: QYOTE FROM SENATOR
ABE RIBICOFF (D-CONN.) RELEASE AM MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1978,
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URBAN TERRORISM.

1) "THE URBAN TERRORIST--WELL EDUCATED, HEAVILY ARMED WITHAUTOMATIC
WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES, WELL FINANCED, READY TO KILL AND BE KILLED
--IS A GROWING AND CONSTANT THREAT TO THE STABILITY AND STRENGTH
OF THE WORLD'S DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED NATIONS,"
SENATOR ABE RIBICOFF (D-CONN.) SAID TODAY.

2) "IT IS THE URBAN TERRORIST--THE URBAN GUERRILLA WHO FINDS REFUGE IN BIG CITY STREETS--WHO TERRORIZES AIRPORTS, WHO HIJACKS JETLINERS, WHO KIDNAPS BUSINESSMEN AND SHOOTS TO KILL JUDGES, POLICE, SOLDIERS AND ANYONE ELSE WHO REPRESENTS ESTABLISHED ORDER," SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID.

3) "IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, URBAN GUERRILLAS ARE AS CLOSE TO OUR OWN COUNTRY AS THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY AND THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND, AS COMPLEX AND OBSCURE AS THE SOUTH MOLUCCAN GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND AS TIMELY AS LAST WEEK'S DEATHLY SHOOTOUTS ON THE STREETS OF ROME.

4) "NO MATTER HOW IDEALISTIC THEIR PRONOUNCEMENTS MAY SOUND, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE URBAN TERRORIST MEANS TO DESTROY OUR SYSTEM OF POLITICAL FREEDOM. WE IGNORE THIS THREAT AT GRAVE PERIL TO OUR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES."

5) SENATOR RIBICOFF MADE THESE REMARKS IN A STATEMENT PREPARED FOR DELIVERY THIS MORNING IN OPENING HEARINGS OF HIS SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH IS EXAMINING LEGISLATION, S. 2236, INTRODUCED BY THE SENATOR AIMED AT HAVING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT USE SANCTIONS TO DISCOURAGE OTHER NATIONS FROM HARBORING, AIDING, ABETTING OR OTHERWISE TOLERATING INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL URBAN TERRORIST INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

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6) THE FIRST WITNESS AT TODAY'S HEARINGS WILL BE SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.

7) IN HIS OPENING REMARKS AT THE HEARINGS, SENATOR RIBICOFF, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, WILL SAY THAT THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES, JAPAN AND OTHER NATIONS WILLING TO COOPERATE MUST FORM A WORLDWIDE COALITION OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS TO CONTROL AND COMBAT URBAN GUERRILLAS.

8) SENATOR RIBICOFF STRESSED THAT THIS NEW COALITION OF RESPONSIBLE NATIONS TO FIGHT THE URBAN TERRORIST WILL BE FORMED AND MADE EFFECTIVE ONLY WHEN THE UNITED STATES ASSERTS THE WORLD LEADERSHIP ONLY IT CAN EXERCISE.

9) SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TOLD SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFF INVESTIGATORS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO COPE WITH URBAN GUERRILLAS. BUT, THE EUROPEAN LEADERS SAID, A STRONGER AMERICAN ROLE IN ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND WELCOMED.

10) SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID: "SO FAR, THE U.S. HAS DONE NEXT TO NOTHING

ING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN CREATING THE KING OF ORGANIZATION OR
COALITION NEEDED TO FIGHT URBAN GUERRILLA GROUPS.

11) "THE UNITED NATIONS, TRAGICALLY--AND TYPICALLY--HAS SHOWN
ITSELF TO LACK THE WILL, THE INTEREST AND THE CONCERN TO ORGANIZE
EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST URBAN TERRORISTS.

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12) "ALL TOO OFTEN, IN FACT, THE UN CANNOT BRING ITSELF TO EVEN
MORALLY CONDEMN THE URBAN TERRORIST, EVEN WHEN THIS KIND OF CALCU-
LATED BARBARISM IS DIRECTED AT INNOCENT VICTIMS.

13) "FREQUENTLY, THE UN POSITION SEEMS TO BE THAT ONE MAN'S TER-
RORIST IS ANOTHER MAN'S LIBERATIONIST OR PATRIOT. MEANWHILE,
INNOCENT BYSTANDERS ARE SHOT TO DEATH OR CRIPPLED AND THE UN STANDS
ASIDE SILENT AND OBLIVIOUS TO THE MAYHEM AND CARNAGE.

14) "BY THE SAME TOKEN, THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
ORGANIZATION WITH THE RESOURCES OR THE MANDATE TO PROVIDE ASSIST-
ANCE AND INFORMATION AS URBAN TERRORIST GROUPS PLOT THEIR OPERA-
TIONS AND MOVE CLANDESTINELY ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS."

15) SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF INVESTIGATORS, WHO HAVE BEEN MAKING INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO
URBAN TERRORIST SINCE THE FALL OF 1977, HAD EVALUATED THE EFFECT-
IVENESS OF INTERPOL, THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ORGANIZATION HEAD-
QUARTERED IN PARIS WITH REGIONAL OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID STAFF INVESTIGATORS HAD FOUND INTERPOL TO
BE ILL-EQUIPPED TO ASSIST MEMBER NATIONS IN GATHERING AND DISSEM-
INATING INTELLIGENCE ON INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL TERRORIST
GROUPS.

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16) "THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITS OWN, INTERPOL ENJOYS AN INFLATED REPUTATION FOR EFFECTIVENESS--AND A VERY MUCH DEFLATED RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT", SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID.

17) "INDEPENDENT INQUIRY BY THE COMMITTEE STAFF IN THIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION HAS FOUND INTERPOL TO BE UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDERFINANCED--AND RENDERED VIRTUALLY INOPERATIVE AT TIMES BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS.

18) "ITS OWN CHARACTER STIPULATES THAT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS--SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL URBAN TERRORISTS--WHO CLOAK THEIR VIOLENCE IN 'POLITICAL' JARGON ARE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF INTERPOL JURISDICTION.

19) "THE SURPRISING FACT TURNED UP BY THE COMMITTEE'S PRELIMINARY STAFF INQUIRY IS NOT INTERPOL'S LIMITED DATA-GATHERING CAPABILITIES IN THE TERRORIST FIELD--BUT THE FACT THAT INTERPOL IS ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION DESPITE THE SEVERE POLITICAL LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH IT MUST OPERATE.

20) "UNFORTUNATELY, IN SPITE OF THE GOOD WORK INTERPOL DOES IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON URBAN GUERRILLAS, THIS QUASI-LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WILL NEVER BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AS LONG AS CERTAIN OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS ARE THEMSELVES AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS SUPPORTERS OF URBAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. THESE NATIONS HARBOR, AID, ABET AND OTHERWISE TOLERATE URBAN GUERRILLAS WITHIN THEIR OWN BORDERS. IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR US TO EXPECT THEM TO STAND BY WHILE INTERPOL TRIES TO STEM THE TIDE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."

21) SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID THAT THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES, JAPAN AND OTHER DEVELOPED AND COOPERATIVE NATIONS EITHER DEVISE NEW AND INNOVATIVE TACTICS TO CONTROL AND COMBAT THE URBAN TERRORIST OR THE STREET-WISE GUERRILLA WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE CLOSER TO HIS GOAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL UNREST AND SUSPICION.

2) "THESE ARE NOT COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH LOFTY DESIRES TO SAVE THE WORLD", SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID. "INSTEAD THE URBAN GUERRILLAS ARE HIGHLY TRAINED, HIGHLY DISCIPLINED, EXTREMELY VIOLENT AGGRESSORS, DETERMINED TO BRING THE DEVELOPED WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE DEMOCRACIES, TO THEIR KNEES.

23) "THE URBAN GUERRILLA DOES HIS HOMEWORK WELL. HE IS AS MUCH AT HOME WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND FIRE GRENADES AS HE IS WITH THE WRITINGS OF CHE GUEVERA, MARX, LENIN, MAO, AND CARLOS MARIGHELLA.

24) "IN FACT, MARIGHELLA'S MAJOR WORK, THE MINI-MANUAL OF THE URBAN GUERRILLA, HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO VIRTUALLY EVERY LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD, FROM BASQUE TO KOREAN. IT IS THE TEXTBOOK THE URBAN TERRORIST TURNS TO FOR GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION AS IF IT WERE HIS BIBLE. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ORGANIZATIONS NEGLECT THIS DOCUMENT AT THEIR OWN RISK.

25) "FOR THE ONE PRINCIPAL LESSON THEI DOCUMENT ESPOUSES--AND THE ONE GOAL URBAN TERRORISTS SHARE--IS THAT IF THEIR ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE SYMBOLIC ENOUGH AND VICIOUS ENOUGH EVENTUALLY THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPOND IN AN EQUALLY VIOLENT AND REPRESSIVE MANNER.

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26) "ACCORDINGLY, VALUED CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES WILL BE DIMINISHED. IN THE CONVOLUTED LOGIC OF THE URBAN GUERRILLA, GOVERNMENT REPRESSION IS A DESIRABLE GOAL.

27) "TO SOME EXTENT, THE URBAN TERRORIST IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE WORLD HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS.

28) "IN WEST GERMANY, FOR EXAMPLE, A RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP OF TERRORISTS KNOWN AS THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG PROVOKED WIDESPREAD FEAR AND SUSPICION IN THE EARLY 1970'S. EVEN TODAY, THE LEGACY OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG'S ACTIVITIES STILL HAUNTS GERMAN POLITICAL AND LEGAL PROCEDURES, EVEN THOUGH THE GROUP'S LEADERS, INCLUDING ULRIKE MARIE MEINHOF AND ANDREAS BAADER, ARE DEAD.

29) "FOLLOWERS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG, KNOWN TODAY AS THE RED ARMY FACTION, STILL TERRORIZE THE GERMAN POPULACE AND GERMAN POLITICAL LIFE MAY NEVER FULLY RECOVER FROM THE POLARIZATION AND SCARS CAUSED BY THIS GANG'S VIOLENCE.

30) "GERMANY IS NOT ALONE AMONG THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WHO SUFFER DAILY AT THE HANDS OF URBAN GUERRILLAS.

31. "ONE NEED ONLY READ THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS TO REALIZE THE DECIDELY NEGATIVE IMPACT THE URBAN GUERRILLA IS HAVING ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPED WORLD. THESE GUERRILLAS ARE ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IN THE STREETS OF THE BIG INDUSTRIALIZED CITIES. MOST OF THE TIME THE TERRORIST IS AT THE EXTREME LEFT OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. BUT THERE ARE RIGHTIST URBAN TERRORISTS AS WELL WHOSE TACTICS ARE AS VIOLENT AND VILE AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON THE LEFT.

32) "IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ALONE, TERRORISTS HAVE ACTED IN VIOLENT WAYS WHICH HAVE BECOME ALL TOO COMMON IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

3) "IN ROME, FOR EXAMPLE, TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED THREE STUDENTS. IN BARCELONA, TERRORISTS KILLED A POLICEMAN IN AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE THAT LEFT TWO TERRORISTS THEMSELVES DEAD.

34) "IN ATHENS, TEN AMERICAN CARS WERE BOMBED.

35) "IN WEST GERMANY AUTHORITIES ARE STILL IN PURSUIT OF THE REMNANTS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG AND ITS RED ARMY FACTION.

36) "IN EVERY ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY--FROM THE NETHERLANDS TO GERMANY, FROM FRANCE TO ITALY TO SPAIN AND GREECE, AND IN MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES--AUTHORITIES ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT FOR MOVEMENTS OF OPERATIVES OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY, A GROUP SO MILITANT AND DANGEROUS THAT IT HAS BROUGHT PARALYSIS TO LARGE URBAN AREAS INCLUDING THE HAGUE WHERE IT STRUCK THE FRENCH EMBASSY WITH LIGHTENING SPEED.

39) "THERE WAS A TIME WHEN WE COULD ASSUME THAT URBAN TERRORISM WAS LIMITED TO JETLINER HIJACKINGS, EMANATED SOLELY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND WAS A RESULT OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

38) "THOSE DAYS ARE OVER. TERRORISM, AS SEEN IN THE URBAN GUERRILLA OF THE '70'S, MAY HAVE TIES TO VARIOUS PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS AND HAVE OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AS WELL.

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39) "BUT THE URBAN TERRORIST IS ALSO UNIQUE TO HIS OWN NATION. THE RED BRIGADES IN ITALY, FOR EXAMPLE, NEED NO INSPIRATION FROM ABROAD TO STRIKE.

40) "THEY KILL AND CRIPPLE AND BOMB WITH ABANDON--OFTEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT--AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD TO MOBILIZE AND SET UP SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORIST PROCEDURES TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE RED BRIGADES' VIOLENT ACTIVITIES.

41) "AS IN ITALY, OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE TAKING STEPS TO MOBILIZE AGAINST THE URBAN GUERRILLA. INDEPENDENT INQUIRY BY THE COMMITTEE STAFF HAS SHOWN THAT IN FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, WEST GERMANY, SPAIN AND GREECE SPECIAL ANTI-URBAN GUERRILLA TEAMS AND PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

42) "BUT, EFFECTIVE AS SOME OF THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN, THERE IS STILL A GREAT NEED FOR VASTLY IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION.

43) "AIRPORT SECURITY MUST BE IMPROVED. ALL WELL INTENTIONED NATIONS MUST SET MINIMAL UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR SECURING DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. THOSE NATIONS WHICH REFUSE MUST BE MADE THE TARGETS OF SANCTIONS--NOT SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE U.S. ALONE, BUT BY ALL NATIONS WHO WISH TO JOIN IN THE COALITION TO CONTROL AND COMBAT URBAN TERRORIST GROUPS.

44) "AIRPORT AND AIRLINE SECURITY ARE NOT THE ONLY ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM. LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS MUST COOPERATE MORE IN THE EXCHANGE OF DATA REGARDING THE BACKGROUNDS, MODES OF OPERATION AND MOVEMENTS OF KNOWN AND SUSPECTED URBAN TERRORISTS.

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45) "ONE AREA THAT WE NEED MORE RESEARCH IN HAS TO DO WITH THE BACKGROUNDS OF SOME OF THE MOST VIOLENT URBAN TERRORISTS. THEY ARE WELL EDUCATED, GIVE ALL THE INDICATIONS OF HAVING HIGH INTELLIGENCE AND WOULD MOST PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO BRIGHT, PRODUCTIVE FUTURES. INSTEAD, THEY SELECTED TO FOLLOW CAREERS IN CRIME, BLOODSHED AND VIOLENT PROTEST, LIFE IN AN UNDERWORLD OF FRACTURED INTELLECTUAL RHETORIC, PARANOIA AND CHILDLIKE PETULANCE.

46) "ULRIKE MARIE MEINHOF, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS A TALENTED AUTHORITARIAN, A LEADER IN THE GERMAN LITERARY WORLD AND A YOUNG WOMAN AT ONCE GIFTED AND BRILLIANT. WHAT WAS IT, WE MUST ASK, ABOUT WESTERN CIVILIZATION THAT WOULD LEAD A WOMAN WITH MEINHOF'S POTENTIAL INTO THE VIOLENT AND VILE PURSUITS SHE CHOSE? HER SUICIDE BY HANGING WAS AS MEANINGLESS AND RECKLESS AS THE LIFE-STYLE SHE EMBRACED. SHE AND SO MANY OF HER DEAD COLLEAGUES WERE AS CONTEMPTUOUS OF THEIR OWN LIVES AS THEY WERE OF THE LIVES OF THEIR VICTIMS.

47) "HOWEVER, LET US NOT BE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SHORTCOMINGS OF OUR OWN WESTERN SOCIETIES THAT WE PUT THE BLAME ON OURSELVES FOR THE BLOODY EXCESSES OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO SEEK TO SOW SUSPICION AND TURMOIL.

48) "FOR, THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT NO AMOUNT OF CONCESSIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMMODATIONS AND SELF-GUILT WILL SATISFY THE URBAN GUERRILLA.

49) "HE IS PROGRAMMED TO SEE OUR SOCIETIES AS INHERENTLY AND IRREVOCABLY CORRUPT. HE INTENDS TO SAVE US BY DESTROYING US--AND THERE IS SMALL CHANCE OF PERSUADING HIM OTHERWISE.

50) "ABOVE ALL, EACH OF THE WORLD'S RESPONSIBLE AND CIVIL NATIONS MUST COME TO REALIZE THAT THE URBAN GUERRILLA KNOWS NO BORDERS AND RESPECTS NO NATION STATES. ALL OF US SUFFER WHEN ONE NATION IS VICTIMIZED.

51) "IF EVER A PROBLEM REQUIRED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND MUTUAL GOODWILL, THE PROBLEM OF THE URBAN GUERRILLA IS IT.

52) "FINALLY, WE MUST BE EVER MINDFUL THAT THE URBAN TERRORIST WISHES TO UNDERMINE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS. IMAGINATIVE, INNOVATIVE AND WELL CONSIDERED POLICE WORK WOULD BE OUR GOAL. REPRESSIVE POLICE TACTICS ARE THE GOAL OF THE TERRORIST. HE SUCCEEDS WHEN WE ADOPT HIS TACTICS."

53) SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID THE COMMITTEE STAFF IS PREPARING A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY ANALYSIS OF URBAN GUERRILLA TACTICS, PERSONNEL

AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATIONS OF THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, WEST
GERMANY, SPAIN, ITALY AND GREECE. THE ANALYSIS WILL BE ISSUED IN
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